



Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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2117 N. Ginger Circle, Palatine Bedroom Fire

On Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 8:41 a.m. the Palatine Fire Department responded to a report of a bedroom fire in a 4-unit townhouse at 2117 N. Ginger Circle. The first units arrived on the scene at 8:47 a.m. and found light smoke from a second-floor window, and moderate smoke inside the unit. Only one of the unit's three occupants was home at the time of the fire; she had evacuated prior to the fire department's arrival. The first-arriving fire crews stretched a 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " hoseline, while another crew broke out the bedroom window to release heat and smoke. Other crews searched the unit for occupants and checked for fire extension. The fire was controlled within five minutes of the Fire Department's arrival, and was confined to the bedroom it originated in. The occupant was treated on the scene by Palatine Fire Department paramedics for minor smoke inhalation, and was not transported to the hospital.

A total of 16 firefighters manning two engines, two ladder trucks, and two ambulances were on the scene, along with 6 command officers and one fire investigator. Palatine Police officers on the scene assisted with evacuating the other units in the building, none of which sustained any damage. Damage was preliminarily estimated at \$10,000, and was confined to one room. The fire appears to be accidental, and remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department investigators.

Damage in this fire was minimized by the occupant closing the door to the bedroom when she discovered the fire. The Palatine Fire Department wants to stress the importance of closed doors in limiting fire and smoke damage. Especially when sleeping, closed doors can help buy time to escape from a fire. If you have any questions, please call the Palatine Fire Department Public Education Division at (847) 202-6302.

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